

# ***THE WAYFARER***

By  
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The Wayfarer,  
Perceiving the pathway to truth,  
Was struck with astonishment.  
It was thickly grown with weeds.  
"Ha," he said, "I see that no one has passed here in a long time."  
Later he saw that each weed  
Was a singular knife.  
"Well," he mumbled at last, "Doubtless there are other roads."

1. "Education is a quest for truth." Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
2. "There are two kinds of people in the world--those who seek truth and those who hide from it." Which are you? Explain.
3. "Great literature, great music, great art, etc., is great only in as much as it expresses in a powerful, meaningful way, something that is true; it must strike one to the core of one's being as truth." Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

4. Reread the poem a number of time very carefully. What does it seem to express about the nature of:

A. Truth

B. Human Nature

C. The Human Condition (what it is like to exist as a human being)